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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Monday, 29 September 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4834th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Iraq ("oil-for-food")

Other matters

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4834th meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Justice and the Rule of Law: The United Nations Role". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Thursday, 25 September 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All members of the United Nations and other entities of the United Nations system with relevant expertise are invited to contribute to this process of reflection and analysis.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 15th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dragan Cović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia
3. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Syrian Arab Republic

Czech Republic

Myanmar

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

Liechtenstein

Maldives

Mauritania

Palestine

3 p.m. . . . . 16th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Most Honourable Percival James Patterson, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Jamaica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Mari Alkatiri, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Bangladesh

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Cape Verde

Panama

Sudan

Jordan

Singapore

Gambia

Nepal

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/58/1 and A/C.1/58/CRP.1/Rev.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/C.4/58/1, A/C.4/58/L.1* and A/C.4/58/INF.1)

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/58/250, A/58/252, A/C.3/58/1, A/C.3/58/L.1 and A/C.3/58/L.1/Add.1)

Sixth Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Working Group on International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

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[1] Following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. World Food Programme
2. Executive session on the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
3. Executive session on the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Monday, 29 September 2003

Rio Group

Meeting with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Igor S. Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

12 noon– 1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Contact Group of Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

10 –11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 29 September 2003

Room S-226

Guest at noon . . . . . Mr. Tom Vraalsen, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Needs in Sudan

3 p.m. . . . . Rio Group Troika: H.E. Mr. Allan Wagner Tizón, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru; H.E. Mr. Roberto Tovar Faja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica; and H.E. Mr. Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 30 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 17th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

4. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Sandra Pierantozzi, Vice-President and Minister of Health of the Republic of Palau

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Norway

Uruguay

Brunei Darussalam

Belize

Thailand

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

3 p.m. . . . . 18th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Bhutan

Chad

Togo

Namibia

Uzbekistan

Cambodia

Dominican Republic

Sao Tome and Principe

Malawi

Marshall Islands

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 6 October, to Friday, 17 October 2003. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Tam Chung; room S-2977E; tel. 1 (212) 963-1901).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1) are kindly

requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1[1].

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin its consideration of items 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 107 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The organizational meeting of the main part of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation has been issued as document A/C.5/58/L.1.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 218th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the

decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61), organized by the Permanent Mission of China, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Organization of the Islamic Conference *(Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the OIC Member States)*

The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

ILO briefing on the activities of the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network

There will be a briefing on the activities of the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network by Mr. Steve Miller, Secretary of the Network, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

Special briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

There will be a special briefing on the main elements and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/58/216), organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4870; e-mail: ffdoffice@un.org).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries *(Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

The Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will take place on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education", organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Development Programme

The first briefing of the consultation process with United Nations Development Programme Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular meeting of Subscribing States to the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (The Hague Code of Conduct)

The Subscribing States to the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation will hold their second regular meeting (closed) on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Chile (taking over the chair from the Netherlands). For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 697-5547).

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee (Dubai, 21-22 September 2003). This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation organize the series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, geared towards all diplomats, which in 2003 is repeated five times. The first four modules of each cycle, focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, which is conducted as an intensive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff, as well as non-governmental organizations.

Cycle 5, the last of this year's series, to be conducted in English, will be held from 2 October to 21 November 2003. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-3021).

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation", organized by the United States Mission, on Friday, October 3, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Briefing by H.E. Mr. Børge Brende (Norway), Chairman of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the twelfth session of the Commission

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Børge Brende, Minister of Environment of Norway, Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the twelfth session (review session). The briefing will be held on Friday, 3 October 2003, from 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Tuesday, 7 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 7 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 8 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 1 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

General Assembly

Statements in the general debate of the plenary

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a *15-minute* time limit should be observed. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 25 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

12th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania

H.E. Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana

H.E. Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Colonel Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros

H.E. Colonel Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso

H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable Pierre Charles, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica; H.E. Mr. Bernard Makusa, Prime Minister of the Rwandese Republic; H.E. Mr. Solomon Ekuma Dominic Berewa, Vice-President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Lassana Traoré, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Mali; H.E. Mr. Kassymzhomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs

of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland; H.E. Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria; and H.E. Mr. Yoon Young-kwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

Statements in the exercise of the right of the reply were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Azerbaijan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and India.

The observer for Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Friday, 26 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

13th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovsek, President of the Republic of Slovenia

H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovsek, President of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Maduro, President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Maduro, President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti

H.E. Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by His Royal Highness Prince 'Ulukalala Lavaka Ata, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga; H.E. The Honourable Ranil Wickremesinghe, M.P., Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka; H.E. The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa; H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Abubakr Al-Qirbi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba; H.E. Mr. George Papandreou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; and H.E. The Honourable Lt. General Mompati Sebogodi Merafhe, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Botswana.

14th plenary meeting The summary of the 14th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/187).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Signature: San Marino (26 September 2003)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Ukraine (26 September 2003)[1]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Signature: San Marino (26 September 2003)

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Accession: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

Signature: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)

Final Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Accession: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

Signature: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Belize (26 September 2003)

Signature: Panama (26 September 2003)

Signature: San Marino (26 September 2003)

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Accession: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Accession: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages. New York, 10 December 1962

Accession: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Poland (26 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Belize (26 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 September 2003)*

Ratification: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Belize (26 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 September 2003)*

Ratification: Poland (26 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Rwanda (26 September 2003)[1]

Entry into force of the Protocol in accordance with article 17: (25 December 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Poland (26 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 September 2003)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Signature: Belize (26 September 2003)

Signature: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)

Amendments to the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. New Delhi, 23 October 2002

Acceptance: Viet Nam (19 September 2003)[1]

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. London, 17 June 1999

Ratification: Ukraine (26 September 2003)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Belize (26 September 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: El Salvador (26 September 2003)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Sierra Leone (26 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will make a presentation on "The United Nations and Humanitarian Action in Today's Crisis Spots".

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Mainstreaming Ageing: Forging Links between Madrid Plan of Action and the Millennium Development Goals", in observance of the International Day of Older People. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 10 to 11.20 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will be the moderator. H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Alejandra Marta Ayuso, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, and Mr. Jan Vandermoortele, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme, will be the keynote speakers. A panel discussion on the topic of "Relating the Madrid Plan of Action to the Millennium Development Process" will be held from 11.25 a.m. to 12.25 p.m., as a second part of the programme. The participants will be Mr. Johan Schlovnik, Director, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (as moderator); and Ms. Sonia Elliot, Liaison Officer, UNAIDS, Prof. Naomi Woronov, Author, Director, Community Colleges in China Project; Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Senior Advisor, Office of the Managing Director, World Bank; Mr. Gaoussou Traoré, Social Action Manager, Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity and Older Persons, Mali; and Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will hold an event on the theme "Water and Sanitation for Cities" on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 9.15 a.m .to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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Nigeria
Mr. C.W. Wigwe
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanis

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Mr. Luis Guillermo Giraldo

Western European and other States:
Denmark
H.E. Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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	Tenth emergency special session
A/RES/ES-10/12	Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]
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